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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING  
IN THE MATTER OF  
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST:

JEFFREY D. WARD, D/B/A BRUNI-NYGAARD-      FINAL DECISION AND ORDER  
WARD FUNERAL HOME,

RESPONDENTS      LS0011142FDR

Division of Enforcement Case File No. 00 FDR 001

The parties to this action for the purposes of section 227.53 of the Wisconsin statutes are:

Jeffrey D. Ward

315 Lord St.

PO Box 188

Edgerton, WI 53534

Bruni-Nygaard-Ward Funeral Home

315 Lord St.

PO Box 188

Edgerton, WI 53534

Board of Regulation and Licensing

Division of Enforcement

PO Box 8935

Madison, WI 53708-8935

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Board. Respondents neither admit nor deny the Findings of Fact in this Order, but for the purposes of this action agree to issuance of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order set forth below.

The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable. Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Jeffrey D. Ward (315 Lord Street, PO Box 188, Edgerton, WI 53534; DOB 11/23/53) is duly licensed as a funeral director in the state of Wisconsin (license # 4675). This license was first granted on January 9, 1985.
2. Bruni-Nygaard-Ward Funeral Home, Inc. (315 Lord Street. PO Box 188, Edgerton, WI 53534) is duly licensed as a funeral establishment in the state of Wisconsin (license #1827). This license was first granted on August 16, 1988.
3. Jeffrey Ward is and was at all times relevant to this action the sole stockholder of Bruni-Nygaard-Ward Funeral Home, Inc.
4. On April 31, 1999, the biennial license registration for the establishment permit of Bruni-Nygaard-Ward Funeral Home, Inc. expired. This registration was not renewed until August 17, 2000.

5. On December 31, 1999, the biennial license registration for the funeral directors license of Jeffery D. Ward expired. This registration was not renewed until August 17, 2000.
6. Between June 1, 1999 and continuing on through August 16, 2000, Bruni-Nygaard-Ward Funeral Home continued operation as a funeral establishment without a current and active Wisconsin Funeral Establishment Permit.
7. Between January 1, 2000 and continuing on through August 16, 2000, Jeffrey D. Ward continued to practiced as a funeral director in Wisconsin without a current and active Wisconsin funeral director's license.
8. In resolution of this matter, Respondents consent to entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. The Funeral Directors Examining Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to sec. 445.03, Stats.
2. By the conduct referred to in ¶ 1 and 2 above, Respondents have violated secs. 445.04(1) and (2) and 445.105(1), Stats.

### **ORDER**

NOW, THEREFORE, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that

1. Jeffrey D. Ward, dba Bruni-Nygaard-Ward Funeral Home is REPRIMANDED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the licenses of Jeffrey D. Ward and Bruni-Nygaard-Ward Funeral Home are LIMITED as follows:

2. Respondent shall consult with a Board approved certified public accountant for the implementation of an ordered system of bookkeeping and billing at Respondent Funeral Home. The Board shall require at least one (1) report from the Respondent's accountant attesting to the successful implementation and application of the system. This report shall be submitted on a date six (6) months from the effective date of this Order. The report shall in addition include an audit of Respondents' pre-need trust fund accounts. Respondent shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred in conjunction with the associated with compliance with the terms of this Order.
3. Upon approval of the Board of successful compliance with the terms of paragraph 2, above, the Respondents' licenses shall be returned to full and unrestricted status.
4. The Department Monitor is the individual designated by the Board as its agent to coordinate compliance with the terms of this Order, including receiving and coordinating all reports. The Department Monitor may be reached as follows:

Department Monitor  
Department of Regulation Division of Enforcement  
PO Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935  
FAX (608) 266-2264  
TEL. (608) 261-7938

### **SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

**5. Violation of any of the terms of this Order shall be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license; the Board in its discretion may in the alternative deny a stay of suspension of the license or impose additional conditions and limitations or other discipline.**

6. This Order shall become effective upon the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN FUNERAL DIRECTORS EXAMINING BOARD

By: Roy Pfeffer

11-14-00

Member of the Board

Date